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72 Solidago
71 Aster

Rec^d — Nov 15th
Ans — 24

Charles City Iowa
Nov. 8th 1875

Arthur

Dr. Engelmann;

I sent a package of plants by mail yesterday and neglected to post this letter with names etc at the same time. ~~As~~ I would like to have you examine them and return the names as soon as convenient. If any of the spec's are imperfect or for any reason you are not positive about the correctness of the name please so state, for the plants are to be exhibited at the centennial and I wish no mistakes to creep in.

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can be furnished but I judge it to be an annual, but still I could not be very positive it has been so long since I gathered it.

I am greatly obliged for the names of the last package. I think you did not mention No. 37 of that list in your answer. You call No. 53 a narrow leaved form of Psoralea argophylla. I have since seen specs of it labelled by Dr. Gray who calls it Lespedeza capitata var. angustifolia. Will you please reexamine it. Of No 39. Potentilla rivalis var. pentandra, I have only one very poor specimen. It was gathered on the margin of a creek flowing into the Des Moines River. The soil was very wet being almost on a level with the surface of the stream. The vegetation was luxurient. If I remember rightly it grew from 12'–18' high, with a very flat cymose top. No one else in the State has gathered it. I found it while on a days visit to Humboldt; could go to the same spot again were I there. Do not think it

Yours
Truly
J. C. Arthur

G. Engelmann
St. Louis Mo.

Iowa City Feb 11/76

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Dear Sir! — I wish to publish in about a month a catalogue of the Phanogams of Iowa. It will be a great favor to me if you would again look over the collection I have sent you, and send me a complete list of the names. I have sent you in a number of instances the only duplicates I possess and so will not be able to get assistance from any other botanist. Knowing you to be good authority and competent in botanical matters, I sent you all my specs. needing examination, although I am greatly obliged for the assistance you have already given, hoping you will find time to complete the naming so my catalogue will be as complete as possible and no mistakes crep

Please let me know if you will be able to do this work.

If you find such species in the collection of the Board of Managers of the Iowa Geological Survey please mention the fact in your reply.

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Rev. Dr. Gray
Am " "

Charles City, Iowa
Dec. 7th 1881.

Dear Sir;-

I am informed by Mr. R. D. Cratty of Emmett Co, this State, that you have specimens of a *Sagittaria* sent by him (and others) which may prove a new species or is at least an interesting form. Will you be kind enough to communicate your conclusions so I may embody them in my fourth supplement to the "Flora of Iowa"?

Also, please inform me where I can find your description of *Quercus Muhlenbergii*. I have your "Oaks of the U.S.", published in 1876, but nothing later & no descriptions except Gray's Manual.

Resp. Yours
J. C. Arthur.

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Ans

Ames, Iowa.
Nov. 13th 1882

M monatsb. Dakotah

My Dear Sir: — I see that Wood in his Class-book p. 810 says he received Marsilia vestita from Iowa near the Mississippi river, but — in the Botanist and Florist (a later work) credits Iowa with M. uncinata, Br. I have no means of examining Report of Nicollet's Exp. 1839, or the Monatsb. Acad. Berlin, 1863, 423 where I suppose al. Braun has spoken of the Iowa plant. Will you be so kind as to examine these works and tell me just what they say? You see, there seem to have been two plants collected and they may both be M. uncinata. I have no notion where Devil's lake is.

Yours &c
J. C. Arthur

An early answer will be a great favor.

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